

We Claim:

- 5     1.     A beverage composition comprising:
- a coffee portion comprising a resulting coffee component, said coffee portion  
         exhibiting a resulting coffee component profile, said coffee portion comprising:
- 10           i)     a coffee source comprising a coffee source component, said coffee source  
                 exhibiting a coffee source component profile;
- ii)     a coffee source component modifier;
- 15           iii)    a supplemental coffee source component;
- wherein the amount of said resulting coffee component mimics the amount of a  
         target coffee component in a component profile of a target coffee, and wherein  
         said coffee portion has a pH value in the range of from about 2.0 units below to  
20           about 2.0 units above the pH value of a coffee element of said target coffee.
2.     The beverage composition of Claim 1 wherein said coffee portion has a pH value  
         in the range of from about 1.0 units below to about 1.0 units above the pH value  
         of said coffee element of said target coffee.
- 25           3.     The beverage composition of Claim 1 wherein said coffee portion has a pH value  
         in the range of from about 0.5 units below to about 0.5 units above the pH value  
         of said coffee element of said target coffee.
- 30           4.     The beverage composition of Claim 1 wherein said coffee portion has a pH value  
         in the range of from about 0.2 units below to about 0.2 units above the pH value  
         of said coffee element of said target coffee.
5.     The beverage composition of Claim 1 wherein said coffee portion has a pH value  
35           in the range of from about 0.1 units below to about 0.1 units above the pH value  
         of said coffee element of said target coffee.
6.     The beverage composition of Claim 1 wherein said coffee source is a roast and  
         ground coffee.
- 40           7.     The beverage composition of Claim 1 wherein said coffee source is a soluble  
         coffee.
8.     The beverage composition of Claim 1 wherein said coffee source is a coffee  
45           extract.

9. The beverage composition of Claim 1 wherein said coffee source is a roast and ground blend of two or more coffee varieties.
10. A coffee composition comprising:
  - i) a coffee source comprising a coffee source component, said coffee source exhibiting a coffee source component profile;
  - ii) a coffee source component modifier;
  - iii) a supplemental coffee source component;wherein the amount of said resulting coffee component mimics the amount of a target coffee component in a component profile of a target coffee,  
and wherein said coffee portion provides a pH value in use in the range of from about 2.0 units below to about 2.0 units above the pH value of a coffee element of said target coffee.
11. The beverage composition of Claim 10 wherein said coffee portion provides a pH value in use in the range of from about 0.5 units below to about 0.5 units above the pH value of said coffee element of said target coffee.
12. The beverage composition of Claim 10 wherein said coffee portion provides a pH value in use in the range of from about 0.2 units below to about 0.2 units above the pH value of said coffee element of said target coffee.
13. The beverage composition of Claim 10 wherein said coffee portion provides a pH value in use in the range of from about 0.1 units below to about 0.1 units above the pH value of said coffee element of said target coffee.
14. The beverage composition of Claim 10 wherein said coffee source is a roast and ground coffee.
15. The beverage composition of Claim 10 wherein said coffee source is a soluble coffee.
16. The beverage composition of Claim 10 wherein said coffee source is a coffee extract.
17. The beverage composition of Claim 10 wherein said coffee source is a roast and ground blend of two or more coffee varieties.

18. A beverage composition comprising:

a coffee portion comprising a resulting coffee component, said coffee portion exhibiting a resulting coffee component profile, said coffee portion comprising:

- i) a coffee source comprising a coffee source component, said coffee source exhibiting a coffee source component profile;
- ii) a coffee source component modifier;
- iii) a supplemental coffee source component;

wherein at a pH value equal to the pH value of a coffee element of a target coffee the amount of said resulting coffee component mimics the amount of a target coffee component in a component profile of said target coffee.

19. A beverage composition comprising a coffee portion comprising a resulting coffee component, said coffee portion exhibiting a resulting coffee component profile, said coffee portion comprising:

- i) a coffee source comprising a coffee source component, said coffee source exhibiting a coffee source component profile;
- ii) a coffee source component modifier;
- iii) a supplemental coffee source component;

wherein when the pH value of the coffee portion is equal to the pH value of a coffee element of a target coffee the amount of said resulting coffee component mimics the amount of a target coffee component in a target coffee component profile.

20. A beverage composition comprising:

a coffee portion comprising a first resulting coffee component and a second resulting coffee component, said coffee portion exhibiting a resulting coffee component profile, said coffee portion comprising:

- a) a coffee source comprising a first coffee source component and a second coffee source component, said coffee source exhibiting a coffee source component profile;
- b) a coffee source component modifier;
- c) a first supplemental coffee source component and a second supplemental coffee source component;

wherein when the pH value of the coffee portion is equal to the pH value of a coffee element of a target coffee:

5 (i) the ratio of said first resulting coffee source component to said second resulting coffee source component in said resulting coffee component profile is equal to the ratio of a first target coffee component to a second target coffee component;

10 (ii) the concentration of the associated form of said first resulting coffee component is greater than or equal to the concentration of the associated form of said first target coffee component; and

15 (iii) the concentration of the associated form of said second resulting coffee component is greater than or equal to the concentration of the associated form of said second target coffee component.

21. A beverage composition comprising a coffee portion comprising a first resulting coffee component, a second resulting coffee component, a third resulting coffee component, a fourth resulting coffee component, and a fifth resulting coffee component, said coffee portion exhibiting a resulting coffee component profile, said coffee portion comprising:

25 a) a coffee source comprising a first coffee source component, a second coffee source component, a third coffee source component, a fourth coffee source component, and a fifth coffee source component, said coffee source exhibiting a coffee source component profile;

b) a coffee source component modifier;

30 c) a first supplemental coffee source component, a second supplemental coffee source component, a third supplemental coffee source component, a fourth supplemental coffee source component, and a fifth supplemental coffee source component;

35 wherein when the pH value of the coffee portion is equal to the pH value of a coffee element of a target coffee:

40 (i) the ratio of said first resulting coffee source component to said second resulting coffee source component to said third resulting coffee source component, to said fourth resulting coffee source component to said fifth resulting coffee source component in said resulting coffee component profile is equal to the ratio of a first target coffee component to a second target coffee component, to a third target coffee component, to a fourth target coffee component, to a fifth target coffee component;

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(ii) the concentration of the associated form of said first resulting coffee component is greater than or equal to the concentration of the associated form of said first target coffee component;
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(iii) the concentration of the associated form of said second resulting coffee component is greater than or equal to the concentration of the associated form of said second target coffee component;
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(iv) the concentration of the associated form of said third resulting coffee component is greater than or equal to the concentration of the associated form of said third target coffee component;
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(v) the concentration of the associated form of said fourth resulting coffee component is greater than or equal to the concentration of the associated form of said fourth target coffee component; and,
- (vi) the concentration of the associated form of said fifth resulting coffee component is greater than or equal to the concentration of the associated form of said fifth target coffee component.